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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR, VS

SUBJECT: PRG MINISTER OF DEFENSE, TRAN NAM TRUNG

REF: STATE 169640

FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW JOURNALIST NAYAN CHANDA, WHO  
RECENTLY RETURNED FROM SAIGON, REPORTEDLY HAD A SHORT  
CONVERSATION IN FRENCH WITH PRG MINISTER OF DEFENSE  
TRAN NAM TRUNG DURING WHICH THEY JOLKED ABOUT TRUNG'S  
QUOTE NON-EXISTANCE UNQUOTE. CHANADA SOLD A PICTURE OF  
TRUNG ALONG WITH PHOTOS OF OTHER PRG LEADERS TO THE  
NEW YORK TIMES. THE NEW YORK TIMES IS EXPECTED TO PRINT  
THE STORIES SHORTLY.  
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